THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

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**INTERNATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

On Friday, December 1, 1989, designated International AIDS Awareness Day by the World Health Organization, The Cleveland Museum of Art will join over 400 arts institutions nationwide in "A Day Without Art: A National Day of Action and Mourning." Intended to recognize the losses to the artistic community because of AIDS and to increase awareness of the need for research and education, the Museum will remove from Gallery 38 for three days its most important modern painting, La Vie by Pablo Picasso. Statements explaining the Museum's observance of the day will be placed at the two entrances and in Gallery 38.

The painting will be returned to the gallery Tuesday, December 5.

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